

MALTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee,
Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have much pleasure in presenting my report for the year ended 31st December, 1949.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

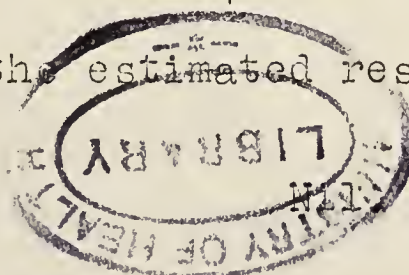
Area in acres	.....	4,143
Estimated population	....	4,627
Number of inhabited houses		12,000
Rateable value	....	£28,638
Product of the penny rate		£109

VITAL STATISTICS - Extracts from:

		<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Live births	....	34	37
Legitimate	....	30	34
Illegitimate	....	4	3

The Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population was 15.3.

Stillbirths

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

		<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Total	....	2	Nil
Legitimate	....	1	Nil
Illegitimate	....	1	Nil

Infant Mortality Rate (Deaths per 1,000 live Births)
28.2.

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH.

<u>Cause.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	1
Cancer of Buccal cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	-	2
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	-	1
Cancer of breast	-	3
Cancer of all other sites	2	4
Intercranial vascular lesions	-	5
Heart diseases	8	13
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	-

		<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Bronchitis	....	1	1
Pneumonia	....	1	-
Other respiratory diseases		-	1
Nephritis	....	2	1
Congenital Malformations, birth injury	....	1	-
Road traffic accidents		1	-
Other violent causes	....	1	-
All other causes	....	2	-
	Total	<u>20</u>	<u>34</u>

Death Rate (per 1,000 population 11.7.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The number of cases notified during 1949:-

Measles	....	41
Whooping cough	....	24

Cases of infectious diseases where necessary are admitted to the Isolation Hospital, York.

Tuberculosis - no new cases of tuberculosis were notified during 1949.

There was one death due to pulmonary tuberculosis.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

1. Public Health Officers of the Authority:-

Medical Officer of Health,

Dr. L.C. Walker, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
(Part-time).

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor

J.L. Tong.

2. Nursing:

The North Riding County Council as Local Authority provides a domiciliary nursing and midwifery service in the district. Two nurse-midwives are resident in Malton.

3. Laboratory Facilities:

These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

4. Hospitals.

General medical and surgical cases are admitted to hospitals in Malton, York, Leeds and Scarborough.

5. Ambulance Facilities.

Are provided by the North Riding County Council under agency arrangements with Beswick's Garage, Malton, and with the W.V.S. who provide the Hospital Car Service.

6. Clinics and Treatment Centres.

A Child Welfare Clinic is held once per month at the Friends Meeting House, Greengate, Malton. Tuberculosis Clinic at the Dispensary, Scarborough. Venereal Diseases treatment centres are held at York County Hospital and Scarborough Hospital.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR.

1. Water Supply.

Monthly samples of water supply in your area show that the supply is Grade I.

During the year fears were expressed by the Norton Urban District Council, from whom bulk supplies are purchased, that the pumping equipment was showing signs of wear and would need replacing in the not too distant future.

A consultation of the two authorities was held and as a result a Consulting Engineer (Mr. D.H. Moore) was instructed to advise on the supply and any other possible supplies. As a result of this and subsequent discussion the Council decided to approach the Ryedale Joint Water Board with a view to becoming a constituent member of that Board.

2. Sewage Disposal.

With few exception, and those a mere handful of isolated dwellings, the whole of your area is adequately sewered by the scheme completed in 1936. The system functioned satisfactorily during the year.

The work of the responsible authority in widening and cleansing the River Derwent in your area will be a boon to the district in preventing the flooding of the lower portions of the town during certain times of some years.

3. Pail Closet Conversions.

During the year further progress was made in the work of converting pail closets to water closets, and a total of 44 were converted by direct labour under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1936.



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4. Housing.

Since building began again in the post war period, the Council have erected 78 houses, and converted 10 large houses into 20 flats.

The erection of the houses was carried out by Contractors, but the preparation of the sites, roads, water mains and sewers, the the conversion of the houses into flats, were carried out by direct labour.

Four more flats for aged people were in construction at the end of the year.

At the close of the year the Council owned 280 houses, but with some 200 people still on the "waiting list" housing still remains a problem, and a large proportion of the population still has to live in sub-standard houses.

5. Public Cleansing.

House refuse collection in the area is carried out by direct labour, and during the year a weekly collection was maintained. In September, 1949, some of the horse drawn open vehicles previously used for this work were withdrawn and replaced by a Bedford refuse collecting vehicle.

This vehicle also empties the pail closets weekly.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping, and during the year tipping was commenced on a new site at Orchard Fields, Malton.

The old tips were discontinued and were properly levelled and covered.

6. Salvage.

A depression in the market put an end temporarily to the Council's salvage operations, but towards the end of the year signs of an improvement were manifest.

In the National Competition for salvage your Council gained 19th place, and a prize of £100 for its efforts.

7. Meat Supplies.

The neat supplied in your area is slaughtered in a central Slaughterhouse in Malton, and details of the supplies and the inspection are included in the report of the Meat and Food Inspector attached hereto.

The Slaughterhouse itself is controlled by the Council, and is out of date.

The layout and lack of lairage accommodation mitigate against the best hygienic standards, and although during the year steps were taken to provide additional lairage accommodation, this can only be regarded as a temporary measure pending the provision of entirely new or considerably reconstructed premises.

8. Knackers Yards.

In your area there is one establishment for the slaughter of animals not intended for human food.

8. Knackers Yards - contd.

During the year the Council offered new premises as a temporary measure, and this has improved the very unsatisfactory conditions prevailing before.

9. Tents, Vans and Sheds.

Your district at the close of the year was entirely free from any tent, van or shed used as a dwelling.

10. Disinfection.

Disinfection after infectious diseases is carried out by a Joint Committee who undertake the work on behalf of this and 3 adjoining authorities.

The decrease in the incidence of infectious disease which has been a marked feature of previous years has continued during the present year, and outbreaks were restricted to measles and whooping cough.

REPORT OF THE MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTOR.

All slaughtering is still being carried out by the Ministry of Food at the Abattoir in Railway Street.

The premises are visited daily and inspections are made of all carcasses and the necessary steps taken to ensure the sale of healthy meat.

All the butchers' shops in the district of Malton were frequently visited during the year, and no action was found to be necessary. A thorough examination of the premises was made at each visit. All visits were made without warning.

The Slaughterhouse was constantly inspected during my daily visits.

Several visits have been made to all shops selling other food stuffs, canned and otherwise, when the goods have been under suspicion.

Visits have been made without warning to the shops selling and producing ice-cream.

A table showing the number of carcasses inspected and condemned is attached.

Year ending 31st December, 1949.-
Inspections and Condemnations.

	<u>Cattle.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
Number killed	1295	217	5789	196
Number inspected	1295	217	5789	196

All diseases other than
tuberculosis:-

	<u>Cattle.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
Whole carcasses condemned	20	6	38	5
Part carcasses condemned	230	-	98	6
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	20%	2.7%	2.3%	5 6%
<u>Tuberculosis:-</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	23	2	-	2
Part carcasses condemned	3	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	2%	.9%	-	1%

Signed R.E. Bond, M.R.C.V.S.

